(ख) इस प्रकार रेलगाड़ी रोके जाने के मुख्य कारण क्या-क्या थे?

रेल मंत्रालय मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) गाड़ी को प्राथमिकता देना, सावधानी आदेश जारी करना, प्राकृतिक अनियमितता, खतरे की जंजीर खींचना, सामान की खराबी आदि जैसे विभिन्न कारणों की वजह से निर्धारित ठहराव के बिना गाड़ी को रोका जा सकता है। किसी गाड़ी विशेष के अनेक फेरों के ऐसे सभी गैर-अनुसूचीबद्ध ठहराव का ब्यौरा तत्काल उपलब्ध नहीं है।

Silting of Chilka Lake in Orissa

1477. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the silting of Asia's largest blue laqoon Chilka lake in Orrisa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate fund to the State Government of Orissa to desilt the largest lake; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to save that lake from destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 10th Finance Commission has recommended an amount of Rs. 27 crores to the Government of Orissa under Special Problem Grants for preservation and restoration including desiltation of the Chilka lake. The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Commission and has requested the Government of Orissa to furnish action plan for approval of Inter Ministerial Empowered Committee.

(c) Chilka lake is designated as one of the Wetlands of International Importance under Ramsar Convention and is also covered under National Programmes for the Conservation of Wetlands and Wildlife. An amount of Rs. 112.30 lakhs has been provided so far by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests to the Government of Orissa for soil conservation in the catchment area habitat improvement of Nalabana, database creation and generating awareness.

Jafri Committee Report on Urdu

1478. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the stand of the Government with regard to the Jafri Committee Report on Urdu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): The Govt. has not taken any final decision on the Jafri Committee Report on Urdu.

Introduction of New Train Between Mumbai and Ajmer Sherif

1479. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of the people of Mumbai for starting a new train between Mumbai and Ajmer Sherif (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, what action is being taken to fulfil this demand; and

(c) if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Demand has been examined but not found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.